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July 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

United States: All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2009, totaled 101.8 million head, 1 percent below the 103.3 million on July 1, 2008. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.4 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2008. Beef cows, at 32.2 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2008. Milk cows, at 9.2 million, were down 2 percent from July 1, 2008. Other class estimates on July 1, 2009 and the changes from July 1, 2008, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 16.1 million, down 1 percent; Beef replacement heifers, 4.5 million, down 2 percent; Milk replacement heifers,

3.9 million, unchanged; Other heifers, 7.7 million, down 1 percent; Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.4 million, down 2 percent; Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.1 million, unchanged; Calves under 500 pounds, 27.8 million, down 1 percent; All cattle and calves on feed for slaughter, 11.6 million, down 5 percent.

The 2009 calf crop is expected to be 35.6 million, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.8 million, down 2 percent from 2008.

Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, United States, July 1, 2008-2009

Class	United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	103,300	101,800	99
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	42,000	41,400	99
Beef Cows	32,650	32,200	99
Milk Cows	9,350	9,200	98
	2008	2009 ¹	2009 as % of 2008
Calf Crop	36,113	25,800	98

¹ Preliminary.

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